



Chamber News

ABOUT US

May 2012

- Since 1908, the Renfrew & area Chamber of Commerce has been an active and progressive non-profit voluntary organization promoting the civic, commercial, industrial and tourist development progress of this great community.
- The Chamber is a catalyst and a volunteer organization where business and professional people work together for the common good.
- Year-round promotion of Renfrew and the area as a destination for tourist and business is a priority.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Tammy Logan— Information Officer

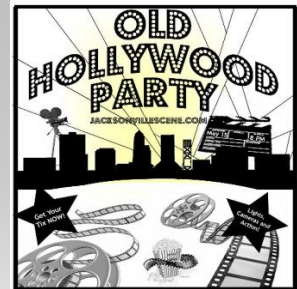
One of the most prominent events for Renfrew and Area communities is the *Community Awards*.

These awards recognize businesses and individuals that have demonstrated outstanding customer services, community involvement and other notable achievements. The *Community Awards* attract a large audience of business leaders and leading members of our society.

The theme of the 2012 Community Awards Banquet is 'Old Hollywood'

This semi formal event will be held at the Best Western on June 21, 2012.

Call today to reserve your table or to learn more about how you can be a part of what is sure to be a memorable evening. (613)432-7015



Would you like your business featured?
 Or do you know of a business or person who should be recognized?
 Do you or your business have item you would like to share?

If so call or e-mail the Chamber office (613) 432-7015
 info@renfrewareachamber.ca



**SAVE THE DATES for the
 Chambers' 9 & Dine Golf Mixers
 July 20, August 17 and September 21
 For more information call (613) 432-7015**



GRAND OPENING

Please join us to celebrate
the new home of



&



FRIDAY JUNE 1st, 2012

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

555 HALL Avenue East

Renfrew, Ontario



Chamber Membership Benefit



Imperial Oil is pleased to offer the opportunity for members of the **Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce** the Esso Business Card program.

This program offers a rebate of 3.5 cents per litre on fuel purchases at over **1,850 Esso stations across Canada!** The Esso Business Card program is a convenient and secure way for your employees to control and manage fuel expenses.

Call to learn how to apply for your card today 613-432-7015

THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LA CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE DU CANADA



TOP 10
Barriers to Competitiveness

BARRIER I: RESOLVING CANADA'S SKILLS CRISIS

We are pleased to present the third of several webinars that will focus on the human resource challenges that chambers and their members face *today*. We encourage you to forward this event invitation to your member businesses so they can take advantage of the valuable information.

Our webinar will focus on *Connecting Education and Employment*. This webinar will take place on **May 30, 2012** from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EDT.

Tomorrow's skilled workforce is being trained and educated today in universities and community colleges across the country. How closely will the graduates of the future match your demand as employers? In this webinar, you will hear and learn:

- valuable advice on how a chamber and its business community can really benefit from relations with post-secondary institutions;
- why businesses should take advantage of co-op programs, apprenticeships and internships; and,
- how the business community can shape its future workforce coming out of community colleges, polytechnics and universities.

Whether you are looking for employee training, for an intern or apprentice, or for next year's talent, this webinar will focus on the opportunities and best practices for connecting with educators in your community.

<http://www.meetview.com/chambertop10-20120530/>



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 YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
 RENFREW-NIPISSING-PEMBROKE
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New Horizons for Seniors Accepting Applications

May 15, 2012

I am pleased to announce the New Horizons for Seniors Program is now accepting applications for the community based projects.

If your organization has an idea for a project that encourages seniors to lead or participate in activities to the benefit of the community, this is important news for you.

Funding will support projects that meet one or more of the program's five objectives:

- 1) promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- 2) engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- 3) expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- 4) supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
- 5) providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Community-based projects are eligible for funding of up to \$25,000, for up to one year. These projects support programs and activities for seniors that meet one or more of the program's five objectives listed above.

The deadline for applying is June 29, 2012.

If you would like more information for the New Horizons Capital Assistance Fund, please, visit www.cherylgallant.com and follow the link under my [Federal Government Programs](#) page.

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Improvements to Help Tour Operators Claim GST/HST Rebates Under the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program (FCTIP)

OTTAWA, Friday, May 4, 2012 - New administrative

improvements are making it easier for tour operators to claim GST/HST rebates under the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program (FCTIP).

As part of the Government of Canada's commitments under the Federal Tourism Strategy, the Department of Finance and the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) met with the Tourism Industry Association of Canada and other representatives of the tourism industry to examine the operational design and administration of the FCTIP and to explore the feasibility of changes that would improve the program's effectiveness while maintaining the current scope of the program and a high standard of accountability.

The Canada Revenue Agency has developed and is implementing some of the suggested improvements to the FCTIP, which were announced by the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of National Revenue, on May 4th. These include launching a GST/HST rulings service to allow tour operators to know, in advance, whether their tour packages will be eligible for a rebate; streamlining the processing of FCTIP rebate claims; creating and distributing a multi-lingual pamphlet in English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Portuguese and Spanish; and making information on the FCTIP easier to find on the CRA's Web site.

"We are pleased that the Canada Revenue Agency is working with the tourism industry to improve the effectiveness of the Foreign Convention and Tour Incentive Program," said David Goldstein, President and CEO of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada. "The administrative changes to the FCTIP provide positive initial steps towards making this program work better for international tour operators and tourism businesses in Canada."

About The Tourism Industry Association of Canada: The Tourism Industry Association of Canada is the only national organization representing the full cross-section of Canada's \$74 billion tourism industry. TIAC's members include air and passenger rail services, airport authorities, local and provincial destination authorities, hotels, attractions and tour operators.

Wilderness Tours Familiarization Tour June 1st-3rd or June 8th - 10th, 2012



3 Day Getaway Weekend

Our most popular adventure vacation package.

- One Day High Adventure Rafting on the Main Channel - 12 person rafts
- One Day of GYOR on the Middle Channel - 6 person rafts
- Arrival Friday, June 1st or June 8th from 5 - 9pm
- Departure Sunday, June 3rd or June 10th after 5 pm
- 5 Meals, Saturday Breakfast- Sunday lunch
- Campsite, Facilities Use, Hot Tubs, Pool, 50 km Biking and Hiking Trails
- Ages 13 + and 90 lbs

Only \$99 per person
 (+ 13% HST & S.C.)

One Day High Adventure Rafting

"Top Dog on the River" Globe and Mail

- One Day High Adventure Rafting on the Main Channel - 12 person rafts
- Arrival Saturday, June 2nd or June 9th and Sunday June 3rd or 10th at 10:00 am
- Departure after 5 pm (same day)
- Hearty BBQ Lunch on the shores of the Ottawa River
- Facilities Use, Hot Tubs, Pool, 50 km Biking and Hiking Trails
- Ages 13 + and 90 lbs



Only \$49 per person
 (+ 13% HST & S.C.)

Gentle Family Rafting

Canada's Family Adventure Vacation Specialists



- One Day Gentle Family Rafting on the Middle Channel
- Arrival June 2nd or 3rd and June 9th or 10th at 9:15 pm
- Departure anytime after 5 pm
- Lunch served on the river beside a waterfall
- Facilities Use, Hot tubs, Pool, Sport Courts, Beachfront Activities
- Ages 7 + and 50 lbs

Only \$29 per person
 (+ 13% HST & S.C.)

To reserve your space call 1-888-RAFT-NOW
raft@wildernesstours.com

SHARON & BRAM

July 28, 2012

Tickets \$15.00

The Wing
(164 Argyle Street)

Tickets available at:

The Flower Factory
A Sense of Country
Kids Corp
Scott's Shoe Store



Showtime: 2:30 pm!

Doors open at 2:00 pm
(seating is first come/first served)

Presented by:

The Renfrew
Business Improvement Area



The 2012
Festival of Family



A portion of ticket sales will be
donated to Kids Corp



Food bank donations will
also be collected at the show

For more information contact Christina at festivaloffamily@gmail.com or 613-432-8300

Join the
Chamber on
Facebook



Quick facts:

Did you know that you should
secure your business on Google. Go
to Google Places today before
someone else claims your business.

HELLO LADIES,

Well away we go, The new and im-
proved ladies night is starting NEXT
Thursday May 24. We look forward to
seeing you all out on the links.

The sign up sheet is up on the club-
house, you can register by signing up,
call the pro shop 432-3838, emailing
myself or posting on Facebook.

Please spread the word to all your lady
friends, this is going to be amazing
time!

So don't waste anytime and get signed
up !

Kind Regards,
Andrew "Burrhead" Dick
Manager of Marketing/
Events



DRAGONFLY
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Cougars Conquering Cancer

& Isabelle Fraser, RMT



Present the 2nd Annual

HOPE CHEST Golf Extravaganza

FRIDAY, JULY 13th 2012

Gentlemen & Ladies Welcome

Shotgun Start @ 5:36pm

Nine 'n Dine
\$60.00/player
Includes:
Green Fees
Power Cart
& Dinner



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PRIZES FOR:

Best Dressed Team, Best Decorated Cart,
Putting Contest & Other On-Course Contests

DOOR PRIZE:

FREE 1-Year Membership @ Dragonfly Golf Links!

DINNER SERVED IN THE TENT AFTER THE GAME (9-10 pm)

TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM, CALL:

Kelly @ (613) 432-9009, or

Isabelle @ (613) 433-3105

E-mail: cougars@rcwd.ca

100% of the profits from this event benefit Renfrew Victoria Hospital's Digital Mammography Program



Dear OVTA Members,

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA), in partnership with the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC), is excited to announce the follow Tourism specific Social Media Workshop.

Tourism Social Media Workshop - Level: Beginner

Monday June 4th, 2012, 1 pm - 5 pm

Marguerite Centre, 700 Mackay St, Pembroke Ontario

The June 4th Social Media workshop is the first of three tourism specific workshops, the following ones to be held in the Fall.

Facilitator and social media marketing expert Stephanie Kersey of Knock on Woods Community & Events Inc will provide hands-on, interactive instruction for your social media campaigns. Instruction will include how to set up a Facebook business page, what to post and when/how to post it, building loyalty and fostering customer relationships. Time permitting, the workshop will also include a Twitter tutorial.

Space is limited and registration is first come first served. The workshop is being in the computer lab of the Marguerite Centre (700 Mackay St) in Pembroke and space is limited to 12 people per workshop. The workshop will be geared towards those with little or no social media experience.

Registration is free, however a \$20 reservation fee is being collected to reserve your space, refunded upon attendance.

To register, please fill out and submit the attached form (June4_Registration_FORM.pdf) by May 28th, 2012.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613.732.4364.

Yours in tourism,
Lauren

Renfrew Art in the Park 2012

Haramis Park, O'Brien Road, Renfrew
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
July 14 - 15, 2012

Fine art, artists, grand art tent, outdoor atmosphere, music, refreshments, free admission, free parking. An event for the family.

E-mail: renfrewartinthepark@gmail.com
Information: <http://www.renfrewartguild.com>
Telephone: (613) 433-3635

Presented by: *Renfrew Art Guild*



QUILTERS GUILD
OF RENFREW & AREA
presents

*Valley Treasures
Quilt Show*

**CELEBRATING OUR
20TH ANNIVERSARY**

SAT. JUNE 9TH, 2012 • 10^{AM} - 5^{PM}
SUN. JUNE 10TH, 2012 • 12 NOON - 4^{PM}

Ma-te-way Activity Centre
1 Ma-te-way Park Drive • Renfrew, Ontario
Contact: 613-649-2605

Admission: \$5.00
**Raffles • Tea Room
Demos • Merchant's Mall
613-649-2605**

Business, more than any other occupation, is a continual dealing with the future; it is a continual calculation, an instinctive exercise in foresight.

Henry R. Luce